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Amendment to the Specification

Applicant hereby amends the first paragraph of the first page of the specification, beginning on page 1, line 4, replacing it with the following:

This application is a ~~nationalization~~ continuation of and claims the benefit of ~~co-pending~~ PCT Application Number PCT/US02/27056, having International Publication Number WO 03/019315 A1, filed 23 August, 2002, which designated the United States and is now abandoned, which claims the benefit of U.S. Application Serial Number 60/314,803, filed 24 August, 2001.

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Applicant believes that it has addressed the concerns presented by the Examiner, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the dismissal. If any further questions regarding this remains, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Signed Declaration and Power of Attorney